

California Department of Developmental Services

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California Statewide Employment

People with developmental disabilities seek to work, earn and be part of the economic life of their communities. It is the policy of the state that opportunities for integrated, competitive employment shall be given the highest priority for working age individuals with developmental disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities.

Percent of Working Age Consumers Receiving Wages

These numbers show what percent of the total consumer population received wages through employment over the last three years.

2014	12.8%
2015	13.1%
2016	13.7%

Average Monthly Consumer Wages

2014	\$565
2015	\$603
2016	\$666

2013 Comparison of United States to the California Employment Rates of Working-Age People

The general population has a significantly higher employment rate than people with developmental disabilities. This difference is more extreme in California than in the U.S.

U.S. Working Age

General population, 78.3%

People with any disability, 35.2%

People with a developmental disability, 24.8%

California Working Age

General population, 75.7%

People with any disability, 33.9%

People with a developmental disability, 13.6%

Notes on Employment Data:

- 1) Working age is defined as ages 16-64.

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- 2) Data sources are; the California Employment Development Department (EDD), 2013 Disability Status Report: United States. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Employment and Disability Institute (EDI).
- 3) EDD data reflects the average monthly wages and average number of consumers reported for the purpose of unemployment insurance. It excludes certain individuals such as contractors.